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| For: METHOD FOR CONVERTING  | ) | Date: September 26, 2005       |
| CHAINED JOIN TABLES TO TREE | ) |                                |
| STRUCTURE, AND A PROGRAM    | ) |                                |
| FOR CONVERTING THE SAME     | ) |                                |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (B)**

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Prior to preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the application  
identified above as follows:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title as follows:

~~METHOD FOR CONVERTING CONCATENATED JOIN TABLES INTO TREE~~  
~~STRUCTURE AND CONVERSION PROGRAM~~METHOD FOR CONVERTING  
CHAINED JOIN TABLES TO TREE STRUCTURE, AND A PROGRAM FOR  
CONVERTING THE SAME